

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09952.0208-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Mariachiara BOSSI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2616  
Application No.: 10/538,833 ) Examiner: KAO, Jutai  
Filed: June 13, 2005 )  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ) Confirmation No.: 5179  
DESIGNING A DATA NETWORK )  
)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants submit this Reply in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 20, 2008, the period for response extended through August 20, 2008, by the concurrent filing of a petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the associated fee. Applicants respectfully traverse all pending objections and rejections and request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached Replacement and Annotated drawing sheets.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.